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VERIFIED PETITION OF NORTHERN )  
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FOR APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC )  
INDUSTRIAL POWER SERVICE CONTRACT )  
WITH BETA STEEL CORPORATION FOR )  
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PROCEDURES RELATING TO SAID )  
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CAUSE NO. 42846

**FILED**

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You are hereby notified that on this date the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") has caused the following entry to be made:

On April 26, 2005, Northern Indiana Public Service Company ("NIPSCO") filed its Petition ("Petition") in Cause No. 42846. On May 16, 2005, NIPSCO filed its Petition in Cause No. 42860. NIPSCO has conferred with the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor ("OUCC") and they have agreed to the following procedural schedule in the above captioned causes:

1. **Petitioner's Prefiling Date.** The Petitioner should prefile with the Commission its prepared testimony and exhibits constituting its case-in-chief on or before July 27, 2005. Copies of same should be served upon all parties of record.
2. **Public's and Intervenors' Prefiling Date.** Public and all Intervenors should prefile with the Commission the prepared testimony and exhibits constituting their respective cases-in-chief on or before August 10, 2005. Copies of same should be served upon all parties of record.
3. **Petitioner's Rebuttal Prefiling.** The Petitioner should prefile with the Commission its prepared rebuttal testimony on or before August 17, 2005. Copies of same should be served upon all parties of record.

4. **Evidentiary Hearing on the Parties' Cases-In-Chief.** The cases-in-chief of the Petitioner, Public and any Intervenor should be presented in an evidentiary hearing to commence at 1:30 p.m. on August 23, 2005 in Room E-306 of the Indiana Government Center South, Indianapolis, Indiana. At such time, the direct evidence of the respective parties should be presented and their respective witnesses examined. Thereafter, Petitioner should present its prefiled rebuttal evidence as well as any additional evidence rebutting evidence adduced on cross-examination of Public's or Intervenor's witnesses.

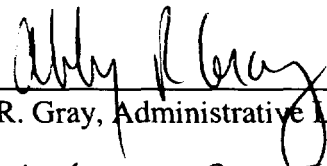
6. **Discovery.** Discovery is available for all parties and should be conducted on an informal basis. Any response or objection to a discovery request should be made within ten (10) business days of the receipt of such request. Any objection not made within ten (10) business days will be deemed waived.

7. **Prefiling of Workpapers.** When prefiling technical evidence with the Commission, each party should concurrently file copies of the work papers used to produce that evidence. Copies of same should also be provided to any other party requesting such in writing. When submitting workpapers to the Commission, two (2) copies of each document should be filed with the Secretary of the Commission.

8. **Number of Copies/Corrections.** With the exception of work papers, the parties should file with the Commission an original and five (5) copies of all prefiled testimony and exhibits. Any corrections to prefiled testimony should be made in writing as soon as possible after discovery of the need to make such corrections. Although the Commission's rules require that original copies be one-sided, it is the Commission's preference that duplicate copies use both sides of the paper.

9. **Intervenors.** Any party permitted to become an Intervenor in this Cause should be bound by the record as it stands at the time its Petition to Intervene is granted, pursuant

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
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Abby R. Gray, Administrative Law Judge  
Date: July 7, 2005